

## Problem Children Subject of H.S. Principal's P.T.A. Talk

One-third to one-half the delinquency in children may be traced to heredity and environment, declared Thomas H. Elson, principal of Torrance high school, in his talk to members of the Elementary Parent Teachers Association at their meeting in the school auditorium Tuesday afternoon. Early symptoms of problem children, such as their desire to destroy property, treat their pets and playmates cruelly, should not be treated lightly, he said.

Repressive measures never seem to eliminate these desires. The home atmosphere during the first five years of childhood are clearly shown when the child enters the public school. Elson advised parents troubled with similar problems to study the book written by Baker and Triphagen, "The Diagnosis and Treatment of Behavior of Problem Children."

The A-5 students, directed by Madeline Murphy, presented

scenes from Alice in Wonderland. William Woodcock gave a reading "The Daffodil" and the class sang two selections "Little Puppets" and "No, John, No, John, No."

**Elect Delegates**  
Mrs. M. Edwards presided at the business session where the election of a nominating committee resulted as follows: Alex Verhuse, principal of the school, chairman; Mrs. Violet Lock, Mrs. Dan Pearson, Mrs. George Roos and Mrs. Rufus Page.

Delegates to the district convention being held at Hollywood high school today were elected as follows: Mmes. Harold Smith, Marcus Edwards, W. H. Tolson, Charles Woodcock, A. Dowell, Rufus Page and Vincent Violenave.

**ABANDONED, REMOVED**  
More than 11,300 abandoned trees have been removed this winter on 35 different properties in Los Angeles county.

## School Election Interest Lags; Where to Vote

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chemical engineer; Walter E. Muir, real estate broker. Locations of the local polling places at which local residents will vote next Tuesday for reasons five precincts will have a single polling place.

The polls will be open from 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. No poll lists and no death or removal lists will be kept at the election. Following are the polling places in this locality:

Precinct 2424—Comprising all of Gardena's No. 8, Illinois and that portion of Torrance No. 1 lying within the school district, 16811 South Western avenue.

Precinct 2425—All of Torrance 6 and 7 and 2 lying within the district, 1417 Cota avenue.

Precinct 2426—All of Torrance 4 and 5 and 3 lying within the district, 1313 Portola avenue.

Precinct 2427—All of Torrance 8, 9 and 11, 2013 Arlington avenue.

Precinct 2428—All of Torrance 10, 308 Narbonne avenue.

Precinct 2429—All of Torrance 12, 24439 Park street, Waverly.

Precinct 2430—All of Lomita 1, 2 and 3, 24647 Moon avenue.

Precinct 2431—All of Lomita 4, 5 and 6, 25701 Eshelman avenue.

Precinct 2432—All of Lomita 7, 8 and 9, 25623 Cypress street.

Precinct 2433—All of Lomita 10, 8 Malaga Cove Plaza, Palos Verdes.

**GIVEN BOUQUETS**  
In honor of the Easter season the Sunshine (Recreation) club presented bouquets to Mr. and Mrs. Dale Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Dow and Mrs. Cora Bohrer last weekend.

## WAR CONGRESS MET 20 YEARS AGO FRIDAY; WILSON'S STIRRING MESSAGE DELIVERED

WASHINGTON, April 1 (U.P.)—Twenty years ago tomorrow President Woodrow Wilson delivered at a special session of Congress his stirring war message which sent the United States into the World war.

Before a joint session of the House and Senate—galleries of the House packed with distinguished guests—the President called on Congress to support him in his stand for war.

"The world must be made safe for democracy," he said.

Four days later the joint resolution formally sending America to war against "the Imperial German government" was approved by the two houses.

**Convened At Noon**  
At noon on April 2 Senate and House met to organize. The special session had been called by the President after sinking of three vessels with Americans on board in late March had convinced him that war was the only course.

The House, with Republicans and Democrats closely divided had delays in organizing. Speaker Champ Clark was elected 217 to 213. Similar roll calls were forced on other major posts including that of House clerk, Joseph Sinnott, doorkeeper of the present House, was chosen for that post then.

Long before the President arrived in the House chamber—8:30 p. m., according to the Congressional Record—galleries and all floor space were packed.

**Allied Diplomats Present**  
Diplomats of the allied nations sat in the gallery. Edged in front of the speaker's dais were members of the cabinet. On the dais were Champ Clark and Vice-President Thomas R. Marshall.

Outside the capitol as the hour approached for the President's arrival a steady April rain was falling. Windows of the capitol had been thrown open. The humidity was that of mid-summer.

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## Historic Words

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"The world must be made safe for democracy. Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty."

What is the meaning of Honolulu? And what is the name of the island upon which it is situated?

We Americans all love to sing "Dixie." Who wrote the words and the music of "Dixie"?

What important event occurred on April 6—20 years ago?

**TODAY'S PROVERB:**  
"The Lord prefers common-looking people; that is why he made so many of them."

—Abraham Lincoln.

That is really quite a consolatory thought, isn't it?

**ANSWERS:**  
Honolulu means Fair Haven. The city of Honolulu is situated on the island of Oahu. Strange, how many people think it is situated on the island of Hawaii!

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